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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: DRUGS INHIBITING CELL DEATH

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

2. A drug for treating or preventing progress of symptoms, through inhibiting death of neurons, of neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's disease, spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, pigmentary degeneration of the retina, glaucoma and cerebellar degeneration, comprising a indolylmaleimide derivative represented by the above formula (I) of Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.
3. A drug for treating or preventing progress of symptoms, through inhibiting death of neurons, of neonatal jaundice, comprising a indolylmaleimide derivative represented by the above formula (I) of Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.